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BOE Hears Budget Update Describing Headquarters Relocation Efforts Timber Harvest Values Set During Board of Equalization Culver City Meeting

Sacramento – California State Board of Equalization (BOE) Members heard more about efforts to relocate their troubled Sacramento headquarters building, and set timber harvest values during their June 24, 2014 meeting in Culver City.

During the BOE's Administration Deputy Director's report to the Board, the deputy director briefed members regarding the state budget's absence of funding to address relocation and consolidation efforts and informed them the legislation to do the same was being heard in the Senate where it passed out of the Governmental Organizations Committee by unanimous vote.

During the update, Board Members learned that video and lab tests concurred that corrosion damage had spread throughout the building's waste-water system. It will take an estimated two years to develop scope of work and construction documents, with repairs to the waste-water and decorative glass expected to take about three years to complete.

"I have serious doubts about the building's safety, and I do not blame our staff for being concerned about their work environment and I appreciate the safety concerns of the parents whose children attend our daycare center" said Chairman Horton. "While I may not be an expert on these building issues, I have asked the Board to commission a third party expert to assess the building's safety issues."

The Board Members directed BOE's Administration Deputy Director to report back to the Board with a proposal for an outside assessment regarding the safety of the building.

The Board adopted values for harvested timber, and modified harvest values. This establishes the immediate value for timber harvested between July 1 and December 31, 2014, and modifies the immediate value of timber that was killed or damaged by the Ponderosa, Reading, and Bagley Fires in 2012 and the Rim Fire during the 2013 fire season. [These values](#) proposed by staff for various types of timber in different regions throughout the state were approved.

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Elected in 2010, Chairman Jerome E. Horton is the Fourth District Member of the California State Board of Equalization, representing more than 8.5 million residents in Los Angeles County. He is also the Board of Equalization's Legislative Committee Chairman. He is the first to serve on the Board of Equalization with over 21 years of experience at the BOE. Horton previously served as an Assembly Member of the California State Assembly from 2000-2006.

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